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GOVERNOR TO HOST DISCUSSION WITH SENIORS IN YAVAPAI COUNTY
Event to gather input on issues, provide information on services

PHOENIX -- Governor Janet Napolitano will host a fair designed to provide information to Arizona Seniors, as well as give participants an opportunity to have "A Conversation with Governor Janet Napolitano" about the issues affecting them. The event will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2006 from 1-3 p.m. at the Yavapai College Performance Hall.

This is a unique opportunity for seniors to ask questions and share their concerns with Arizona's top elected official. Governor Napolitano will discuss initiatives affecting seniors, her budget proposals for the upcoming fiscal year, and talk about efforts underway to assist the aging population.

A Resource Fair will also be a part of the event, featuring information on programs such as BenefitsCheckUp Arizona (www.benefitscheckup.org/link/AZ), a one-stop resource that helps seniors find out about how to get information and apply for state and federal. Last year, approximately \$260 million in seniors' benefits went unclaimed, because Arizonans did not know they were qualified to receive them.

In addition to BenefitsCheckUp Arizona, the Resource Fair will include Medicare Part D enrollment assistance, select health care screenings, links to mature worker and civic engagement opportunities and community and social services.

RSVPs are requested but not required. To register, call the NACOG Area Agency on Aging at (877)-521-3500 ext. 3 or send an email to Sheri Cole at scole@az.gov. There is no cost to attend the event.